

3 June 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Records Management Division

FROM:

Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT: Computer Listings at NARS

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1. NARS, in its effort to maintain control of the large volume of documents for which it is responsible, has turned to the computer to record its actions taken on certain documents. Two computer-printed listings which contain records of interest to CIA are the following:

a. The annual listing of all classified documents over 20 years old which require continued protection on behalf of CIA;

b. The listing by Project of documents identified during NARS' systematic classification review as requiring continued protection.

2. The computer system used by NARS is an unclassified system and the document listings produced to date have been unclassified. A sample page of one such listing is attached. A large majority of the documents attributed to CIA are intelligence reports which are automatically protected under the Director's letter of 16 October 1978. Items in the listings which should be considered in judging whether such listings are classified or at least require some protection, are the following:

a. The document identification or serial number;

b. Date of the document;

c. The original and current classification status;

d. Any special restrictive markings which appear on the document;

e. The reason for withholding the document from release;

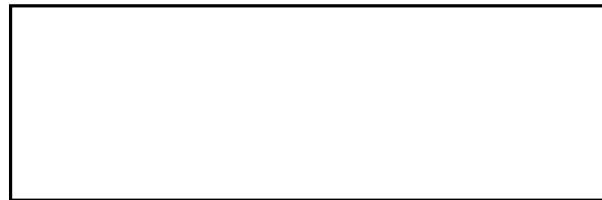
f. The name of the foreign government whose information is involved, if any;

g. The description of the document; e.g., Intelligence Report (IR) #481, Spanish Falange Propaganda Bulletin; IR, Lebanon: Political Anti-British Feelings among the Shiah Moslem.

3. Security problems appear to arise from these listings, based on the fact that the listing:

- a. Identifies an Agency relationship with a foreign government;
- b. Confirms the existence of overseas Agency installations;
- c. Identifies State Department files which contain documents and information of interest to CIA;
- d. Gives the names of Agency personnel who are engaged in the correspondence;
- e. Indicates the nature of Agency reporting which tells something about the type and extent of Agency activity conducted abroad;
- f. Provides a cumulative effect, particularly from the sheer volume of material, which will become worse as we move into records for the more recent years. (NARS' Systematic Classification Review Program is only up to the early fifties as of today.)

4. We believe that this system presents a potential security problem and suggest that you may want to look into the matter and consult with NARS to determine if some method can be devised to protect the information stored in and produced from this system. Should you decide to do so, it would probably be useful for you first to talk with us, since we have had a brief discussion or two of the matter with the people at NARS and can provide some additional background.



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Attachment:

Sample NARS Computer Listing

Distribution:

- 1 - C/RMD, w/att.
- 1 - CRD (Liaison w/NARS), w/att.
- 1 - C/Ops, w/att.
- 1 - Chrono, w/o att.

PROJ #	RG	ENTRY	BOX #	TAB	FOLDER TITLE	DOC DATE DA MO YR	CLA	AGCY	REASON	FOR MARKING	#CY	PGS	C	AC-YR	DOC SERIAL
812010	59	CF	40-44	15	1	DESCR: 102.5/6906	Tel 106	07/06/41	C/C NAVY SOURCE	Fr State	To AmLeg Bern	1	2	R1990	102.5/6096
812010	59	CF	40-44	15	2	DESCR: 102.5/6906	Memo	04/06/41	C/C NAVY SOURCE	Fr ONI (Kirk)	To State	1	1	R1990	102.5/6096
812010	59	CF	40-44	15	3	DESCR: 102.31/432	Tel 614	25/01/43	C/C STAT INTEL	GBR	To State	1	2	R1990	102.31/432
812010	59	CF	40-44	15	4	DESCR: 102.31/414	Tel 6905	05/12/42	C/C STAT INTEL	GBR	To State	1	2	R1990	102.31/414
812010	59	CF	40-44	15	5	DESCR: 102.31/427	Tel 245	10/01/43	C/C STAT INTEL	GBR	To State	1	4	R1990	102.31/427

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812010	59	CF	40-44	25	2	DESCR: 103.9166/2210	Tel 3122	21/11/42	U/C STAT INTEL	GBR	To State for ONI	1	4	R1990	103.9166/2210
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REPORT OF COMPLETED DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROJECT 812010

Project type..... CIVL
Record group..... 59
Custodian..... NINFD
Inventory number.....
Entry or accession number..... 1940-44 Files
Box numbers included in this project.. Various
Description..... Records of the Department
of State, Main and Confidential Files, 1940-44.
Re-review of NND 760201.

NND branch responsible..... NNDA
Team leader..... Duffy
Agency coordination pending.....

The Declassification Division has completed review of the following records and has declassified all but those in the attached listing. Declassification labels have been applied to all containers of records covered by this project. Prior to reproduction of declassified documents, all old classification markings should be cancelled and the declassification authority marked on the documents should be NND project number 812010.

Although declassified and no longer subject to restrictions imposed to safeguard national security information, these records may remain subject to other restrictions. This Branch did not review these records for information that may be restricted from public access for reasons other than security classification. Such review remains the responsibility of the custodial unit.



E. A. THOMPSON
Director, NND

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*Mike Pilgrim runs the computer listings.
He asked if they represent a security
hazard to us.*

Date 17 June 1981

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REMARKS

A1 - You might want to refresh your memory on this matter which might be used by the NARS people, in today's meeting, as an example of the type of material which is causing them problems.

Thanks. This helps but I understand we're off on a new tack now.

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